

## **Minutes of GMA #2 Joint Planning Meeting**

**August 20, 2009**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Stanton Public Library office in Stanton, Texas.
2. **Roll Call/Introductions:** Roll was called and a quorum was established. Attending for the High Plains Underground Water District were Jim Conkwright, Bob Meyer, Bruce Rigler, James Mitchell, Bill Mullican and Sherry Stephens; for the Permian Basin Groundwater Conservation District were Leatrice Adams, Lloyd Robinson, John Campbell and Wayne Dorlay; for the South Plains Underground Water District were Jason Coleman (GMA Administrator) and Matt Hogue; for Mesa Underground Water Conservation District were Harvey Everheart (GMA Public Information Officer), Richard Leonard, and Deanya Williams; for Llano Estacado Groundwater Conservation District were Lori Barnes, Shelby Elam, and Weldon Shook; and for Sandy Land Groundwater Water Conservation District were Gary Walker and Crystal Hogue; for Garza County Water Conservation District were Ferrell Wheeler and John Boren.

Visitors attending the meeting were Robert Bradley and Richard Smith for the Texas Water Development Board, Ricky Harston for Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District; Sarah Clifton for Senator Duncan; Stefanie Wilkerson and Kathy Robbins for Senator Seliger; Stephanie Marquez, and Ray Brady.

3. **Public Comment:** No public comments were made.
4. **Presentation on the 50/50 DFC for the Ogallala Aquifer adopted by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District Board of Directors for counties in GMA #2:** Jim Conkwright informed the GMA#2 members that after much deliberation, the HPWD Board of Directors has determined that setting a DFC based on drawdown simply wasn't equitable in the Board's mind, so they began looking at other possible scenarios. As a result, the HPWD Board recently adopted a 50/50 DFC for the HPWD counties. Mr. Conkwright introduced Bill Mullican as the HPWD's groundwater advisor responsible for the work of determining the impact a 50/50 DFC will have on each county within the

GMA#2. Mr. Mullican presented the material and responded to questions from the group regarding his methodology, the results, and implementation of the DFC. Bob Meyer and James Mitchell provided some discussion about the processes and considerations that the High Plains Board went through to arrive at their decision.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Conkwright asked that the remaining GMA #2 districts consider if a 50/50 DFC is appropriate within their jurisdiction.

5. **Hear a presentation from TWDB representative concerning GAM results:**

Richard Smith indicated that GAM 08-85 has been updated (a county by county presentation of the data, instead of a district by district presentation of the data) and that a correction had been made to GAM 07-44.

6. **Discuss existing DFC options that have been modeled by TWDB and consider identifying the most reasonable scenarios:**

GMA#2 counties outside the HPWD will present the 50/50 DFC to their boards for consideration.

7. **Consider identifying subdivisions of the aquifer within the management area:**

No discussion of subdividing the aquifer.

8. **Consider request to TWDB for Southern Ogallala GAM run:**

No additional requests were made.

9. **Consider setting date(s) for public hearing regarding potential DFC scenario(s):**

Gary Walker recommended that the GMA #2 establish a timeline for discussing and setting a GMA#2 DFC that would allow districts time to hold hearings and adopt local DFCs by the September 2010 deadline. The group generally agreed that another meeting would be held within 60 days.

10. **Discuss and take possible action on a DFC for GMA#2:**

No discussion beyond that included for items 6 and 9 was held. No action was taken.

11. **Public Comment:**

No public comments were made.

12. **Discuss items for future agendas:**

No future agenda items were discussed.

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at noon.